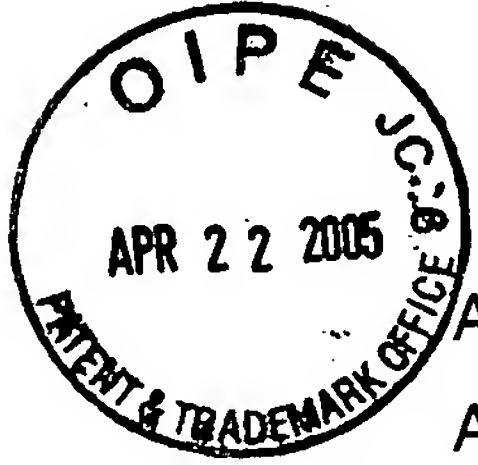


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated December 15, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper, and include 5 attached sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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